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ABSTRACT

This book provides information from experienced teachers on constructivist teaching, offering examples of preservice teachers' projects, lesson plans, and real-life advice. The 11 chapters are: (1) "Writing Case Studies: Constructing an Understanding of Student and Classroom" (Bettejim Cates); (2) "Educating Children Who are Racial and Ethnic Minorities" (Jessie Brown); (3) "Using Preventive Classroom Management Strategies To Create a Productive Environment for Learning" (John Laut); (4) "Integrated Instructional Units: Teaching for the Real World" (Arlene Adams); (5) "The Learning Center: A Place for Child-Centered Instruction" (Jessie Brown); (6) "Literature Sets: A Tool for Literature-Based Instruction" (Arlene Adams); (7) "The Internet and Children: An Exercise in Using Technology in the Elementary School Classroom" (Doug Smith); (8) "Building Successful Partnerships with Families: The Parent Involvement Project" (Jim Rogers); (9) "Service Learning: Meeting the Needs of Children and Community" (Sharon Thompson and Karen Carpenter); (10) "The Portfolio: Demonstrating What You Know and What You Can Do" (Jessie Brown and Arlene Adams); and (11) "Showing and Telling about What You Know and Can Do: The Senior Festival" (Arlene Adams and Jessie Brown). (Each chapter contains references.) (SM)

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